

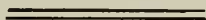
Madeira where *P. brassicae* feeds on cabbage grown at 2,000-2,500 ft (609-762 m) on northern slopes where fewer lizards are found. He also mentions that small birds may be involved and that there are a 'number of small birds on the Canaries and many more in Morocco'.

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THE BRIMSTONE BUTTERFLY OVIPOSITING ON DOCK. — On the 15th April 1981, I was walking about my local gravel pit here, when I saw a female Brimstone (*Gonepteryx rhamni* L.) flying along a large hedge of buckthorn (*Rhamnus catharticus*) and hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*), and shortly after noticed she had begun ovipositing in characteristic manner. She also seemed quite interested in the hawthorn, and was seen three or four times, through binoculars, curling her abdomen on its leaves, but it was too high up for me to find any eggs, if laid.

After I had collected two eggs from the buckthorn, I lost sight of the butterfly for two or three minutes, and when re-sighted it was about 20 yards away flying along a similar habitat but lacking buckthorn. I then followed her for a short distance and to my amazement she began to oviposit on a species of dock (later identified as Broad-leaved dock: *Rumex obtusifolius*). Although it curved its abdomen three times on separate leaves, only one egg was found, in the typical place along the mid-rib and near the tip of the leaf. The early date of ovipositing is also exceptional I believe, since most books give the normal time for this as occurring in May. — D. FROST, "Yelkonan", 14, Chauncer Way, St. Ives, Huntingdon, Cambs PE17 4TY.